

Table 9.D3.—Currently payable to miners and widows, by age, December 1999¹

Age	Total		Miners		Widows	
	Number	Average monthly benefit ²	Number	Average monthly benefit ²	Number	Average monthly benefit ³
Total.....	⁴ 80,994	\$502.32	⁴ 13,635	\$629.09	⁴ 67,359	\$476.66
Under 45	107	557.84	11	618.55	96	550.89
45–54	360	530.33	15	656.93	345	524.82
55–64	2,126	529.64	369	698.31	1,757	494.21
65–74	11,394	523.94	2,482	672.17	8,912	482.65
75–84	34,799	503.33	5,915	637.19	28,884	475.92
85 or older	32,042	491.34	4,840	591.80	27,202	473.47

¹ Benefits payable under Part B of the Black Lung program established by the Federal Coal Mine Health and Safety Act of 1969. Beginning Oct. 1, 1997, responsibility for maintenance and payment of Part B benefits was transferred from the Social Security Administration (SSA) to the Department of Labor (DOL); SSA, however, maintains responsibility for conducting formal hearings necessary to resolve contested issues with regard to Part B claims. Benefits under Part C (generally claims arising July 1, 1973 and later) are also administered by the DOL but are not included here.

² Includes benefits for wives and children.

³ Includes benefits for surviving children, brothers, sisters, and divorced wives. Prior to December 1997, monthly payments for surviving children were included with payments to miners.

⁴ Includes miners and widows for whom age is not available.